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Bearing Witness

*By Itolfe on Thursday, January 30, 2014*A solemn reminder of the lives affected by violence against women will be on display at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The t-shirts in the Clothesline Project will hang in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center on Thursday and Friday, February 13-14, 2014. The display is open each day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and everyone is welcome. The t-shirts represent the women whose lives have been touched by acts of violence in Minnesota and North Dakota. The shirts, designed by survivors of violence, their families and/or friends, are intended to educate the public, to mourn those who have died as a result of this violence, and to bear witness to the courage to survive and heal. "By moving the Clothesline Project to Bede Ballroom, we will have greater space for this project and easier viewing for those who come to see it," says Lisa Loegering, assistant director of Community Engagement. "It is a powerful graphic representation of violence against women and the countless lives affected by it." The event is sponsored by the UMC Office of Community Engagement; UMC Student Health; UMC Student Experience; Polk County Coordinated Victims Services; and Migrant Health Service - Hispanic Battered Women's Program. For information, contact Loegering, at 218-281-8526.

Background

The Clothesline Project (CLP) is a program started on Cape Cod, Mass., in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. The shirts are hung on a clothesline and displayed in a public location to create a visual memorial to the casualties and survivors of the war against women. With the support of many, the Clothesline Project has spread world-wide. To learn more, visit clotheslineproject.org. Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus--as well as 13 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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